(c) the effective measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Central Government to make available free legal aid to the poor and weaker sections of society in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The sanctioned Budget Grant under the sub-head 'Grant-in-Aid' in a financial year has been Rs. 40.00 lakh except in 1989-90 and 1990-91 when it was Rs. 45.00 lakh and Rs. 47.00 lakh respectively. The grants released to Madhya Pradesh Legal Aid & Advice Board etc. during the last five financial years are as under:

Financial Year	Grant released Rs.
1988-89	NIL
1989-90	1,10,000
1990-91	1,00,000
1991-92	2,35,000
1992-93	2,20,000

The State Legal Aid & Advice Board distribute the grant amongst the District Legal Aid & Committee on the basis of the Legal Aid Programmes to be undertaken by them.

(b) whether it is also a fact that the funds by a State Government may differ depending upon law and order, floods/ drought and attitute of the professionals etc.

(c) Various Legal Aid Programmes, such as promotion of Legal literancy, holding of Legal Aid Camps/Lok Adalats, and Training of Para -Legal etc. are being organised to make available Free Legal Aid to poor persons in, different parts of the country including Madhya Pradesh.

Chief Election Commissioner's powers

81. SHRI P. UPENDRA Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleated to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Election Commissioner has raised a number of issues relating to his powers under Article 324 of the Constitution; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is sub-judice before the Supreme Court of India.

Demand for comprehensive electoral reforms

82. SHRI P. UPENDRA :

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that various political parties have been demanding comprehensive electoral reforms;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Election Commission has also forwarded some draft proposals in this regard; and

(c) if so. whether Government propose to consult political parties to finalise the contemplated reforms ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI II. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

इलाहाबाद उच्च न्यायालय में लंबित मामले

83. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या **प्रधानमंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 31 अक्तूबर, 1993 की स्थिति के अनुसार इलाहाबाद उच्च न्यायालय में श्रेणीवार सिविल, आपराधिक तथा संवैधानिक कितने-कितने मामले लंबित पड़े हैं और उन मामलों का